

# Conservation News

## September 2020

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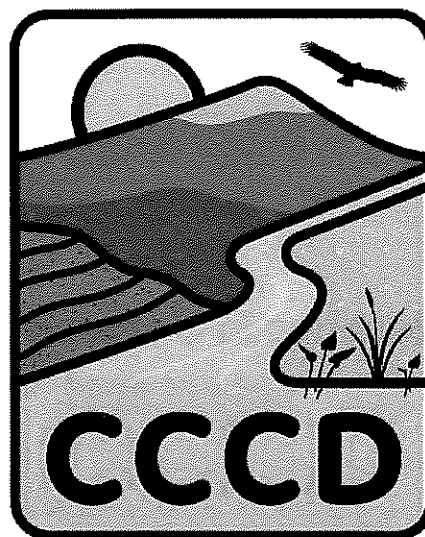
### Resources & Services

Discover local resources like our [Find A Local Farm Map](#) always available to you at the Cheshire County Conservation District.

**We're also:**

**Now Accepting Reservations for CCCD Farm Rental Equipment!**  
(more info at the end of this newsletter)

**Connect with us on social media**  
for up to date events, articles, and



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### September Blog Article

***Explore Intersections Between  
Land & Community on  
September 26th!***

This year, Radically Rural goes Remote for a single-day, entirely virtual summit on September 26th!

The CCCD is excited to provide the public

information!

with new and engaging topics as part of the  
Radically Rural Remote - Land &  
Community program track. Read our latest  
blog article for more detailed information  
about our Land & Community session  
topics and speakers. **Get your tickets  
NOW!**

[Click here to read](#)  
["Explore Intersections](#)  
[Between Land & Community](#)  
[Sept. 26th"](#)

**September is Veteran Appreciation Month!**

## **VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH**

**Thanking Cheshire County Veterans  
with \$20 to purchase food items,  
every weekend in September!**

**FRIDAYS 3-6PM AT THE TEAM JAFFREY FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SATURDAYS 9AM-1PM AT THE KEENE FARMERS' MARKET**  
**SUNDAYS 9AM-1PM AT THE HINSDALE FARMERS' MARKET**



Vouchers are distributed each week at the market Veterans Booth and may be used to purchase food items only. Vouchers have no cash value, are non-transferable, and must be used by the end of September.

**To get your vouchers each week**, simply bring proof of your Cheshire County residency and a valid form of Veteran ID to the market of your choice

*(or come see us at all three markets every week, if you'd like!)*

### **Veteran Appreciation Month Website**

# VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH

## SEPTEMBER 2020 AT THESE MARKETS:



**Fridays**  
**3pm – 6pm**  
Main Street in Jaffrey



**Saturdays**  
**9am – 1pm**  
Gilbo Avenue in Keene



**Sundays**  
**9am – 1pm**  
Main Street in Hinsdale

Cheshire County Veterans are invited to attend the  
TEAM Jaffrey, Keene, and Hinsdale Farmers' Markets to  
**receive \$20 each week in September!**

*(First come, first served basis while funding supplies last!)*

To receive a voucher, all veterans must present  
proof of veteran or active duty status, as well  
as proof of Cheshire County, NH residency.

Valid forms of ID include: (1) a copy of your  
DD214, (2) your healthcare enrollee ID card from  
Veteran's Affairs or (3) your NH Driver's License  
with a Veterans designation.

**Vouchers have no cash value and are non-  
transferrable. Vouchers may only be redeemed  
for food items during September 2020.**

**Veterans are welcome to attend every market.**

**THANK YOU  
for your service!**



**CCCD Annual Meeting Goes Virtual!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

This year, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the CCCD has decided to host our 75th Annual Meeting virtually, online.

**Please save the date:**  
**Tuesday, October 27th**  
 to join us online for this virtual event.

As always, we will honor our 2020 Educator and Cooperator of the year during this event, and **our keynote speaker this year is Alan Rumrill, Director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County.**

More details to come. Stay tuned!



## Radically Rural REMOTE!



Join us for the Land & Community track  
 at Radically Rural on September 24!

Click to learn more [radicallyrural.org](http://radicallyrural.org) | 603.352.5063



## This year, the Radically Rural Summit goes REMOTE!

Due to COVID-19, Radically Rural Remote™ virtually brings together hundreds of people who are passionate about creating vibrant, robust rural communities and are eager to learn, connect and lead the charge.

**Thursday, September 24th!**

The CCCD is proud to partner for another year of informative sessions

focused around issues of Land & Community! Here's a taste of what we're cooking up for Radically Rural Remote 2020:

## Land & Community Session 1 / 9:00 AM



Rural communities are surrounded by the natural world, but do residents connect with and benefit from its beauty? Current research indicates people's well-being depends as much on frequent contact with nature as clean water and air.

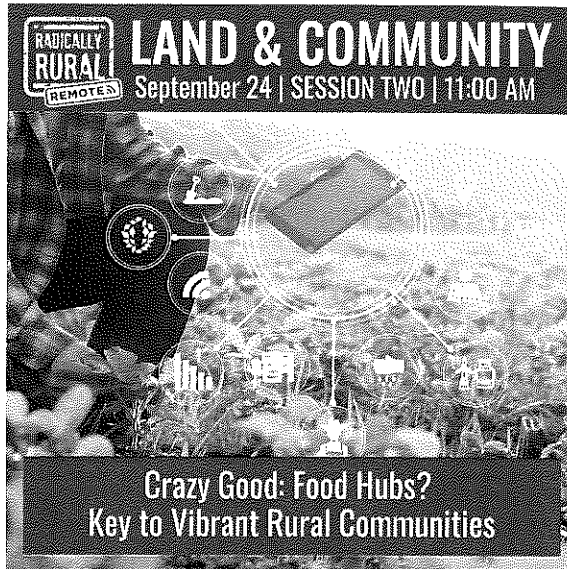
Louise Chawla, an environmental psychologist, will review these findings as she explores several questions including: How can this research inform new ways of communicating the value of biodiverse landscapes? How can this research be applied to create healthy activities in nature for everyone, at every age, in towns?

The talk will be followed by a panel discussion on "nature prescriptions" to connect people with nature and case studies that successfully applied this research to create engaging nature programs.

## Land & Community Session 2 / 11:00 AM

Author of *The Nourishing Homestead* and permaculture enthusiast Ben Hewitt moderates a panel discussion on rural food hubs and how they contribute to the vitality of a rural economy, local farmers and the community as a whole.

Food hubs, an emerging trend, manage the aggregation and distribution of food products and fill gaps in rural food systems. Panelists for this session include those having success in this sector in New Hampshire. Join an audience-included discussion surrounding



the nuts and bolts of rural food hub operation and implementation.

## Land & Community Session 3 / 2:00 PM



The value of organic and local food may be apparent if one inspects a home pantry or refrigerator, but what about the closet? Rebecca Burgess, executive director of Fibershed, and author of *Harvesting Color*, will discuss her work in creating lasting systems of production for fiber manufacturers.

From the farmer to the cleaner, carder and spinner to the designers and makers, fibershed communities, including clothing purchasers, are tasked with taking responsibility for a garment's lifecycle by committing to practices that aid in climate-change mitigation. A panel of for-profit, fibershed manufacturers will discuss how soil-to-soil fiber systems have supported both economic prosperity and ecosystem health and diversity in their own regions.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

## **Granite State Market Match: Support for SNAP Recipients in Cheshire County**

### **You SNAP, We Match**

Now more than ever, we know how important food security is, especially for those community members that rely on SNAP benefits to access affordable food each month.

Thanks to the Granite State Market Match program, **SNAP recipients in Cheshire County can DOUBLE THEIR DOLLARS all summer long at the locations below:**



## **DOUBLE the food, HALF the cost!**





# Double your SNAP dollars at these locations!



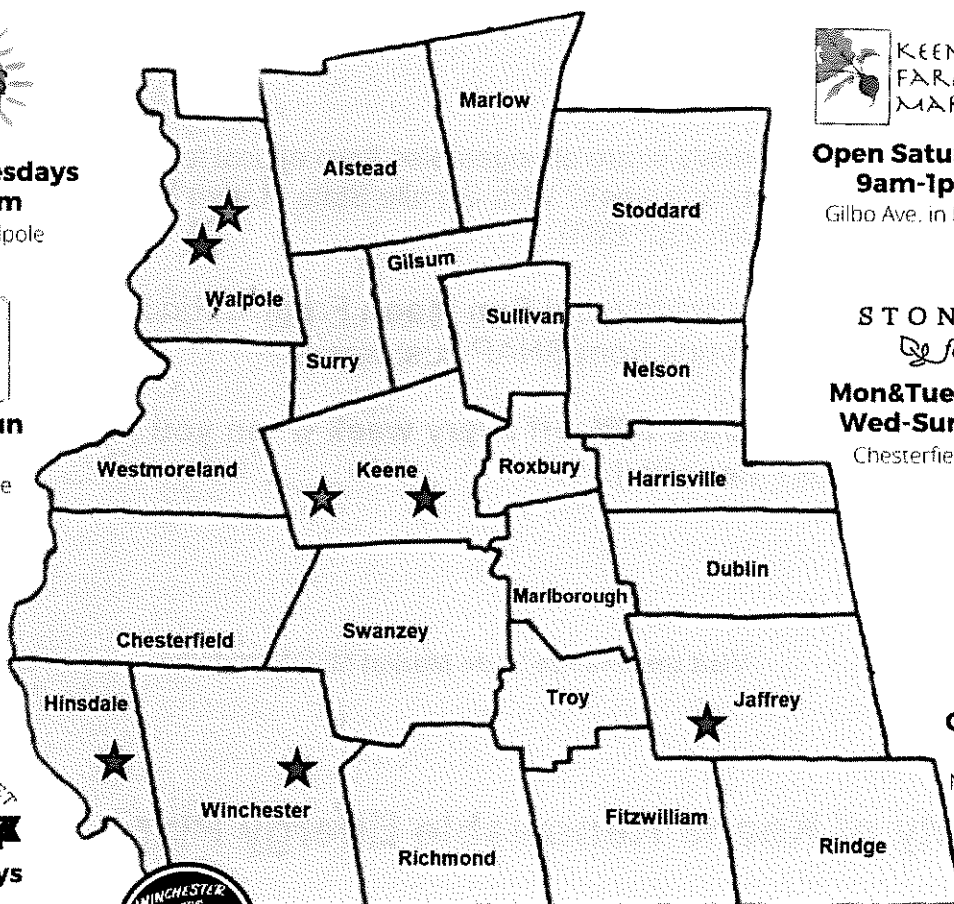
**Open Wednesdays**  
**4pm-7pm**  
Rte. 12 in Walpole



**Open Mon-Sun**  
**9am-6pm**  
Rte. 12 in Walpole



**Open Sundays**  
**9am-1pm**  
Main St. in Hinsdale



**Open Saturdays**  
**9am-1pm**  
Gilbo Ave. in Keene

**STONEWALL**  
*farm*

**Mon&Tues: 10am-4pm**  
**Wed-Sun 10am-6pm**  
Chesterfield Rd. in Keene



**Open Fridays**  
**3pm-6pm**  
Main St. in Jaffrey



**Open Saturdays**  
**9am-1pm** Main St. in Winchester



**We want to help you stretch your SNAP!**  
Visit any or all of these locations and we'll double your SNAP dollars!  
[www.cheshireconservation.org/granite-state-market-match](http://www.cheshireconservation.org/granite-state-market-match)





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### **shares too!**

Prefer to pick up a weekly share of vegetables from a local farm instead of shopping at a market each week? With Granite State Market Match, weekly shares are 50% off with your EBT!

**Foggy Hill Farm** in Jaffrey and **Sun Moon Farm** in Rindge are still accepting CSA sign ups from SNAP customers!

**SNAP CSA shares are 50% off every week when you purchase with your SNAP/EBT benefits!**

Visit the Granite State Market Match Website

## **The City of Keene Renewable Energy Plan**



The City of Keene launched a [new website](#) on Keene's Sustainable Energy Planning process! The website includes a [roadmap](#) of pathways, strategies, and tools to achieve Keene's energy goals, and you can [listen to stories](#) to learn more about tools like [Community Power](#).

**The Keene Energy and Climate Committee and City staff are looking for your ideas and feedback!** Please, [take the survey](#) on how Keene should define renewable energy as the City develops an energy plan, and [tell them what you think](#) of the draft vision statement for the planning process. You can visit [KeeneEnergyPlan.com](#) to learn more.

Check out the newly launched website!

## Skidder Bridge Initiative Update



The Cheshire County Conservation District (CCCD) is partnering with Long View Forest of Westminster, VT to build a new skidder bridge that will be available for use by the public in the Monadnock Region.

For this new skidder bridge build, the CCCD will purchase all of the materials and Long View Forest will generously donate the time of their staff to construct the three panels that will make up the skidder bridge. Long View is a company that offers a complete range of services, that focus on forest management, woodland services, and contracting, to forest owners interested in an active approach to caring for their land. Much like the CCCD, Long View is a company that values good stewardship and management of natural resources.

**Upon completion, the CCCD will consider whether to rent out use of the newly constructed skidder bridge or auction the bridge off as part of a fundraiser.**

To gauge public interest, the CCCD asks for anyone interested in either a rental program or an auction of this skidder bridge, to please reach out to [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org) or call 603.756.2988 x4

## Events & Programs: September

### Farms for the Future: A Skill Building Workshop Series for Municipalities

#### Virtual Webinar Series August & September 2020

This series is hosted by American Farmland Trust, in partnership with Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust, Maine Farmland Trust, Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. **Focused on building capacity in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, this free, 5-part series will provide introductory-level skill-building resources, guidance, and networking.**

The intended audiences are municipalities, land trusts, and organizations interested in protecting more farmland, increasing land access for farmers, building climate resiliency, planning for agriculture, and advancing land justice.

Participants will hear from local and regional experts and professionals in the field, including farmers, planners, land trusts, policy makers, scientists, and land justice advocates.

Workshops will be highly interactive and limited to 30 people to facilitate networking and dialogue. The webinars will be presented online in August and September 2020.

**[Click here to Register](#)**

## Webinar Series:

**Accessing Federal Assistance for  
Natural Resource Conservation on  
Working Lands**

**Thursday, September 17th**

**Thursday, September 24th**

**Thursday, October 8th**



In 2020 a new tool called the Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART) was introduced by NRCS. It uses a conservation program neutral method to assess the existing condition and planned conservation activities on a client's operation and provides an efficient ranking tool to rank single applications into multiple applicable ranking pools for funding consideration.

A three-part webinar series on CART will take place during September and October to provide interested farmers and ranchers with an overview of the tool, as well as a deeper look into how it works.

### **Webinar 1: Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART): Overview**

**Thursday, September 17, 1:30 p.m. EDT**

- Presented by: Aaron Lauster, Conservation Planning Branch Chief, NRCS
- This webinar is intended to give farmers and ranchers a basic understanding and familiarity with CART, including how CART can be used to evaluate their operations for conservation assistance and funding consideration, and how they can request an assessment.
- **[Click here to register for Part 1](#)**

### **Webinar 2: Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART): The Process**

**Thursday, September 24, 3:00 p.m. EDT**

- Presented by: Eric McTaggart, Natural Resources Specialist, NRCS, and Aaron Lauster, Conservation Planning Branch Chief, NRCS
- This webinar will walk through an example of a farmer or rancher who is interested in applying for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) with NRCS. It will start with completing a CART assessment on the client's operation and then explain how that application is considered for funding.
- **[Click here to register for Part 2](#)**

### **Webinar 3: Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART): Deep Dive** **Thursday, October 8, 2:00 p.m. EDT**

- Presented by: Aaron Lauster, Conservation Planning Branch Chief, NRCS, and Eric McTaggart, Natural Resources Specialist, NRCS
- This webinar will build on the previous two by taking a deeper look at the science behind CART and the methodology the ranking tool uses to rank different applications across multiple ranking pools for funding consideration.
- **[Click here to register for Part 3](#)**

## **Source to Sea River Clean Up!**

**Saturday, September 26th**  
**9am-1pm**

Monadnock region residents will wade along the banks of the Ashuelot River and Beaver Brook on Saturday, September 26, 2020 as part of the annual Connecticut River Conservancy's Source to Sea Cleanup, a four state community event to cleanup of the Connecticut River and its tributaries.



**Cleanup crews will start working at 9am. Sites include:**

1. **Beaver Brook on Water Street in Keene**
2. **Ashuelot River on Martell Court in Keene (boats only site!)**
3. **Ashuelot River at Cresson Covered Bridge on Sawyer's Crossing Road in**

### **Swanzey (boats only site!)**

Volunteers do not require a boat on Beaver Brook, but are encouraged to bring a boat and life jackets if available. Ashuelot River sites are canoe only. Trash bags and gloves will be provided to all volunteers. Masks are required at check-in and when socially distancing is not an option.

Volunteers are needed! Direct questions to the Cheshire County Conservation District at 756-2988 x4 or send an email to [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org)

**[Click here to register!](#)**

**Due to the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, CCCD events have been canceled, postponed, or moved to a virtual platform.**

**We will continue to monitor the situation to make determinations about any events scheduled for the remainder of the year. We will make determinations on a month-by-month basis until further notice.**

**Please stay tuned to our website or [Facebook page](#) for up to date information regarding our events.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times. Please know that the CCCD is committed to ensuring the safety & well being of the public. This is our first priority. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of our events.

## **Resources & Services**

### **Help Us Update Our Local Farm Map!**

Now more than ever, folks straying away from grocery stores and looking to local

farms for fresh food, milk, eggs, bread, etc.

Help us ensure that folks know about your farm's offerings, hours, location, & more as we update our [Find A Local Farm Map!](#)




### How to Update your farm's info:

- Step 1:** Visit the CCCD website [here](#)
- Step 2:** Use the map to locate your farm
- Step 3:** Review your farm's listed information
- Step 4:** Email us with any necessary updates

**Email to:** [Lola@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:Lola@cheshireconservation.org)  
**Subject line:** "Farm Map: "Your Farm Name"



# Now Accepting Reservations!

The Cheshire County Conservation District provides low-cost farm equipment rentals each year in and around Cheshire County.

This is a valuable cost-saving service to local growers that supports the CCCD's mission of improving soil quality and management through the conservation and responsible use of natural and agricultural resources.

Available Farm Equipment in 2020:

- 7' Haybuster No-Till Drill
- 12' Esch No-Till Drill
- ZRX Roller Crimper Corn Planter
- Roller Crimper
- Wood Ash/Lime Spreader
- Aerway Aerator
- No-Till Vegetable Transplanter
- Subsoiler
- Penetrometer



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## EQUIPMENT RENTALS

AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH SOIL HEALTH GOALS



**\*\*\* In an effort to support local struggling dairy farms, the CCCD will waive all farm equipment rental fees for dairy farms this year \*\*\***

**More Information About our Equipment**

**If you would like to reserve a piece of farm equipment listed above, contact us at 603-756-2988 ext.4 or send an email to [info@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:info@cheshireconservation.org)**

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